The statutory rules relating to the Madras Educational Service and the Madras Educational Subordinate Service have been amended recently so as to make it clear that qualified and suitable candidates belonging to the Muslim community shall, if available, be selected for appointment as teachers in schools intended for Muslims.

Teaching staff of the Government Muhammadan Training School for Women, Kurnool.

* 531 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of secondary grade posts sanctioned for the Government Muhammadan Training School for Women at Kurnool;

(*b*) how many are working at present and what their qualifications are;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that one post has recently been reduced; if so, what the reasons are;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that a full-blown higher grade elementary school with eighth standard is attached to the Training school;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that lower grade elementary trained teachers are teaching in the higher standards; and

(*f*) whether the Government have taken any steps to secure the services of qualified teachers for the above school?

A.—(*a*) Ten.

(*b*) Nine teachers. One is a secondary grade trained teacher, three are trained teachers of the higher elementary grade and four of the lower elementary grade and one is a combined drawing and sewing mistress who has passed the Government technical examination in embroidery in the intermediate grade and who possesses also the trained teacher's certificate of the lower elementary grade.

(*c*) The post of physical training instructress is left unfilled as there is no qualified lady available.

(*d*) & (*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Yes. Muhammadan women teachers with the prescribed qualifications are not available.

Inadequacy of the conveyance facilities provided to pupils by the Government Muhammadan Training School for Women, Bellary.

* 532 *Q.*—S. M. K. BEYABANI SAHIB Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a higher grade elementary girls' school is attached to the Government Muhammadan Training School for Women in Cowl Bazaar at Bellary;

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(*b*) whether the school is provided with only one cart for Gosha girls; and

(*c*) whether the leading Muslims of Bellary waited on a deputation recently on the Director of Public Instruction and requested him to grant two more carts?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) Yes.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether any orders have been passed in regard to the recommendations made by the leading Muslims of Bellary for the provision of more carts? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I do not think the Government have passed any orders on the matter."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" May I know whether Government charge anything for girls who come to gosha schools in carts? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I do not think they do."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI :—" May I know in that case why in other schools also carts should not be provided? There are several Hindu communities in purdah; why should they not be provided with the bandy system, and why should a particular community alone be provided with such conveniences from out of the Provincial funds? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" That question does not arise. Perhaps the hon. Member may address that question to the hon. Member who has raised this question."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether Government are not always prepared to grant concessions of the nature given to the Muslim community on account of the fact that they observe the purdah and if any community goes into purdah, Government are prepared to help it to remain in purdah? " (Laughter.)

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" That is a hypothetical question."

MAHBOOB ALI BAIG SAHIB Bahadur :—" Are the non-Muslim gosha women such as the Kshatriyas, etc., as backward in education as the Muslim girls? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" I think we are going far beyond the question."

Award of scholarships and stipends to Indian Christian Depressed Class students.

* 533 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Government scholarships or stipends are being awarded to Indian Christian depressed class students;